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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Jacques DIAZ et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1623  
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Application No.: 09/909,797 ) Examiner: Ganapathy KRISHNAN  
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Filed: July 23, 2001 )  
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For: COMPOSITIONS OF )  
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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

In reply to the Office Action dated July 30, 2002, the period for reply having been extended for two months by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:** ✓

Please cancel claim 17.

[Please amend claims 2, 10, 18, 20, and 44-46 as follows:]

2. (Amended) A composition comprising at least one alkali or alkaline-earth metal salt of at least one sulphated polysaccharide of heparin in which the alkali or

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